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In re Patent No. 6,803,208 :  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.183, filed October 29, 2004, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 3.81(b)<sup>1</sup>, to accept the addition of the second assignee on the front page of the above-identified patent.

The petition is **dismissed**.

Petitioner requests issuance of a certificate of correction to add the second assignee's name of "The American National Red Cross, Rockville, MD (US)." 37 CFR 3.81(a) permits the patent to issue to the assignee, provided that, at the time the issue fee is paid, the name of an assignee is provided. 37 CFR 3.81(b) permits the patent to issue in the name of an assignee if the assignment was submitted after payment of the issue fee but *prior to issuance of a patent*. U.S. Patent and Trademark Office assignment records disclose that an assignment from inventor Stephen J. Wagner to The American National Red Cross, Rockville, MD was recorded on October 25, 2004, after the date of issuance of this patent. Accordingly, since the assignment was not submitted for recordation until after issuance of this patent, issuance of a certificate of correction would not be proper. Note also MPEP Section 307.

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